

GLASTIR ADVANCED POST VISIT ASSESSMENT

DAT 105831

Site Name: The Lees, Laugharne Flats

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Introduction and historic background

The Dyfed Archaeological Trust (DAT) was consulted by Glastir contract manager Peter John regarding a number of works to be undertaken on and around the reclaimed sea marsh SE of Causeway farm. The works are a continuation of a previous consented scheme under Tir Gofal.

Management Issues

The area is a HEF known as the Lees. It includes a field system on reclaimed marsh, a few metres above sea level. The land, which is owned by Laugharne Corporation, is divided into strips or shares. These are rented out to individual burgesses of the Corporation. In theory each share is held and farmed separately, but now the shares are bundled into groups and farmed by Causeway Farm and Salthouse Farm. On the ground each share is represented by a ridge. It is clear that this ridging - ridge and furrow - was formed by ploughing, but now the system is, and has been for some time, under permanent pasture. It is clear that ploughing could not have taken place prior to the construction of sea walls and the draining of the marsh. The earliest sea wall dates to c. 1660, the formation of The Lees strip/ridge and furrow system must be later.

The proposed works are to maintain existing cover and manage water levels, repair/replace sluice gates and to clear out ditches for the benefit of water voles.

DAT welcomes these works as they are necessary for continued management of a significant section of the historic landscape.

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